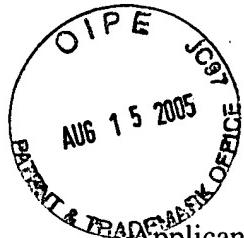


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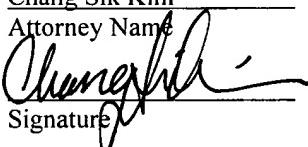
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action dated May 10, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. No amendment is currently requested. Please consider the following argument and reconsider the pending claims for allowance.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshimoto et al. (US 5,692,838). Without much elaboration, the Examiner pointed out Figure 6 and Col. 7 lines 3-4 of Yoshimoto as grounds for the rejection. Furthermore, the Examiner has rejected Claim 2